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STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2019-

**ADOPTING THE 2020 NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT PROGRAM GUIDELINES,
AUTHORIZING STAFF TO SOLICIT AND RECOMMEND PROJECTS,
AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR DESIGNEE TO AWARD
AND EXECUTE FINANCE AGREEMENTS FOR THE 2020 NONPOINT SOURCE
GRANT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS:

1. The 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program may consist of funds from the Clean Water Act section 319 (Clean Water Act 319) grant awarded by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and funds from the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund (TRFRF) appropriated by the California Legislature.
2. The 2020 Clean Water Act 319 grant would provide funding to states to implement their nonpoint source (NPS) programs. A portion of these funds may be used for grants to implement total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and watershed-based plans to restore water bodies impaired by NPS pollution.
3. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) is authorized to administer federal funds pursuant to Clean Water Act 319 for local NPS pollution control implementation activities. In recent years this has been approximately \$4,500,000.
4. Section 4629.6 of the Public Resources Code authorizes the use of moneys deposited in the Timber Regulation and Forest Restoration Fund, upon appropriation by the California Legislature, to fund timber restoration grant programs, including the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.
5. State Water Board anticipates the California Legislature will appropriate up to \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2020/21. These funds would be used to supplement the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program, specifically to support projects that implement forest management measures on forest lands to improve water quality.
6. The State Water Board, Regional Water Quality Control Boards, and U. S. Environmental Protection Agency staff have developed guidelines for the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program to prioritize funds on nonpoint source targeted pollutants and water bodies as identified in the 2014-2020 Nonpoint Source Program Implementation Plan.

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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board

1. Adopts the proposed 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program Guidelines (Guidelines) and deems projects that comply with the Guidelines eligible to compete for funding from the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.
2. Authorizes staff to solicit and recommend projects to be funded by the 2020 Nonpoint Source Grant Program.
3. Authorizes the Executive Director, or designee, to award and execute financial assistance agreements and amendments to fund projects consistent with the guidelines and to perform all acts and to do all things necessary and convenient to implement such agreements.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on September 17, 2019.

Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board